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1. Herr Kramer, (fmu), Director General of the Soviet "one Railroads", was in Moscow in December 1950 for official talks, and returned to Berlin shortly before Christmas. He resumed his work at the Directorate General on 3 January 1951.
2. In pursuance of directives received in Moscow, Kramer ordered that work on plans for electrification of the new railroad bypass around western Berlin be started immediately. (1) The electrification was to be effected by means of a third rail and the bypass was then to be connected to the Berlin interurban railroad system so that the motor rail coaches of this system could also be used on the railroad bypass. (2) This electrification is in accordance with Soviet wishes and is to guarantee speedy handling of freight traffic rerouted around the western sectors of Berlin.
3. Herr Kramer mentioned in this connection that the execution of this project was necessary, because the intended early employment of coal-dust burning locomotives had met with delays and partly with failure. (3) and (4)

25X1A (1) [REDACTED] Comment. The now built Berlin Outer Freight Ring probably is the Marzahn - Karow - Lassdorf - Oranienburg line, which has re-acted on previously. See [REDACTED]

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25X1A (2) [REDACTED] Comment. This project is reported for the first time. It is doubted whether this plan will be realized since the present stocks of serviceable rail motor coaches available to the Berlin interurban railroad system are too low to guarantee smooth operations on this railroad system, and since electric railroad equipment is a critical item in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

25X1A (3) [REDACTED] Comment. In spite of some set-backs trial runs made with coal-dust burning locomotives were generally successful. See [REDACTED]

25X1A (4) [REDACTED] Comment. All the experts of Department VIII (Planning and Statistics) of the Directorate General are of the opinion that the plan is not practicable because of a shortage of the materials required.

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